Cash for containers scheme kicks off today

Families across the Territory can now get money back for their containers with the Cash for Containers scheme kicking off today.

Chief Minister Paul Henderson said the Cash for Containers scheme is now officially in effect with the first eight collection depots opening across the Territory today.

“We know Territorians want Cash for Containers, and we are on our way seeing rubbish dump waste decrease by 50 per cent by 2020,” Mr Henderson said.

“Eight collection depots opened their cash registers to Territorians today with six more to come online across the Territory by next month.

“Cash for Containers has been in place in South Australia for 30 years and prices are not higher as a result.

“Despite the goodwill of Territorians we are aware there are some companies putting pressure on small traders to increase their prices to make a political point as part of their campaign to stop other states following the Territory’s lead.

“My message to big drink companies: we will be watching very closely for any attempt to rip off Territorians and Territory small businesses.

“Cash for Containers is a huge win for the environment, a win for the businesses who have embraced green jobs, and a win for those sporting clubs, schools and individuals who will benefit.

“The CLP’s latest back flip is clear, they want to scrap the Cash for Containers scheme. They are divided on policy and divided on leadership.

“Terry Mills' leadership is in shambles he has clearly been rolled by Dave Tollner.

“The model the CLP support would not deliver 10 cent per can for Territorians. It’s simply not a container deposit scheme.

“Various schemes and national models have been talked about for decades. Only one has been implemented and it works; it’s now in the Territory.

“We’ve put the financial backing behind the scheme and provided infrastructure grants for more depots and collection points in regional and remote areas.
“We are only the second jurisdiction in more than 30 years to face up to the beverage industry bullies and get this scheme up and running – of course we expect some initial bumps along the way when the scheme starts but we are committed improving the scheme at every opportunity.

“We are on par with the successful South Australian scheme already on a per capita basis in terms of collection depots, and with the new reverse vending machines in place across the Territory; we are ahead of the game on technology.

“I encourage sporting groups, schools and community groups to take advantage of the scheme to help their fundraising efforts – with 10 cents per container; it’s a great way to raise extra cash.”

Media Contact: Claire March 0403 937 849

Collection depots:

- Envirobank Recycling RVM, Charles Darwin University Casuarina - now open
- NTRS Recovery and Recycling, Shoal Bay Jan - now open
- Territory Can Man, Winnellie - now open
- NT Recycling Solutions (NTRS) Pty Ltd, Berrimah - now open
- Veolia Environmental Services, Berrimah - now open
- Envirobank Recycling, Pinelands - now open
- Envirobank Recycling, Mobile Reverse Vending Machine, Pinelands - now open
- Territory Recycling Depot, Alice Springs - now open
- Veolia Environmental Services, Alice Springs - now open
- Envirobank, Katherine - open 9 January
- Envirobank Recycling RVM, Thirsty Camel, Parap - open mid January
- Envirobank Recycling RVM, Thirsty Camel, Howard Springs - open mid January
- Revive Recycling Pty Ltd, Reverse Vending Machine, Nightcliff - open end of January
- Barkly Metal Trading, Tennant Creek - open 1 February
- Bagnall Agencies and Elliott Mechanical, Elliott - open 13 February